A.—(*a*) Yes.
(*b*) The question is under consideration.
(*c*) Does not arise.

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I ask when the Government will be in a position to come to a conclusion in the matter referred to in (*b*) of the question ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI :—" I do not think that I can make a prophecy ; but I can promise that I will expedite the matter."

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—" May I know what steps the hon. Minister is taking to arrive at a conclusion ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI :—" At present we are receiving information from two opposite sources, one side pressing abolition of honorary assistant registrars and another saying that their continuance is absolutely necessary."

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—" I trust the hon. the Minister will not be carried by merely ' the volume of opinions.' "

Honorary Assistant Registrar of Co-operative Credit Society for the Kallars.

* 329 Q.—Mr. R. VEERIAN : With reference to question No. 1431 answered at the meeting of the 5th December 1924, will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state whether the Government appointed the gentleman to be the Honorary Assistant Registrar of Co-operative Credit Society for the Kallars without making any inquiries whatever about his fitness or otherwise for the post and if the Government have no information whether they will call for it ?

A.—The hon. Member is referred to the answer to clause (*c*) of question No. 1149 asked on the 12th November 1924. No appointments of honorary assistant registrars are made without inquiry.

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—" May I know whether the particular gentleman is an active member in the co-operative department ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI :—' He was and is."

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—" I wish to know whether he is at present ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI :—" I think he is."

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—" May I know how many societies have been started by him ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI :—" He was only appointed recently."

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS.

Labour.

Coolies employed in the Nilgiris district.

330 Q.—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of estates and of coolies employed therein in the Nilgiris ;